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CIA: A new image

The speech itself was evidence of the new image being developed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Adm. Stansfield Turner, head of the CIA and director of Central Intelligence, discussed CIA operations candidly before 650 listeners at a recent meeting of the San Diego Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Turner's appearance was part of a frank bid for public support to counter the negative criticism that has plagued the intelligence-gathering community over the past few years. He outlined the system of checks and balances set up to monitor CIA activities pending Congressional

approval of new charters for the agencies which deal in secrets.

The President and vice president, two Congressional oversight committees and a three-man Intelligence Oversight Board guard against the sort of abuses that were revealed during the Watergate probe. Under an order issued by President Carter in January, government officials were made responsible for avoiding constitutional violations.

By allowing a little light to shine on CIA activities, Turner and his colleagues encourage public understanding of the continuing need for cloak-and-dagger operations.

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